IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

WILLIAMS, JR. ET AL. Group Art Unit: 2416

Application No. 10/706,704 Examiner: JUNG, Min

Confirmation No. 8581

Filing Date: November 12, 2003

For: Using Ordered Locking Mechanisms

to Maintain Sequences of Items such

as Packets

AMENDMENT B

Commissioner for Patents Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

The Office action December 19, 2008, has been fully considered. In response, please enter the amendments and consider the remarks presented herein. Reconsideration and/or further prosecution of the application is respectfully requested.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 14 of this paper.